

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 4, please replace the second paragraph as follows:

[0011] In addition, the present invention provides (6) the method according to any one of (1)-(5) as described above, wherein the thermal press-molding machine comprises a planar support which has a hole having a size similar to that of the sheet-like curved body, a ring clamp which concentrically secures the continuous sheet on the support around the hole, and an anvil having a size and a curvature corresponding to those of the sheet-like curved body, wherein the anvil has a structure fittable in the support, and wherein the step of thermal press-molding the continuous sheet into the sheet-like curved body comprises a cycle of {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet – securing the continuous sheet on the support by the ring clamp – fitting the heated anvil in the hole of the support and thermal press-molding – returning the anvil and ring clamp to the original positions – feeding the continuous sheet} as one cycle.

On page 4, please replace the third paragraph as follows:

[0012] In addition, the present invention provides (7) the method according to any one of (1)-(6) as described above, wherein the insert injection-molding machine comprises a front mold having a curvature similar to that of the sheet-like curved body and having a suction hole for adhering thereto the sheet-like curved body by suction and a movable mold having an optional curvature, and wherein the step of insert injection-molding the optical article comprises a cycle of {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet on which the sheet-like curved body is thermal press-molded – inserting the sheet-like curved body into the front mold – securing the sheet-like curved body to the front mold by suction – clamping the movable mold to the front mold – injection-molding the back resin – removing the optical article – feeding the continuous sheet} as one cycle.

On page 8, please replace the third full paragraph as follows:

[0027] In addition, in the present invention, a resin having a photoelastic coefficient of  $30 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{dyne}$  or less, preferably  $20 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{dyne}$  or less and a glass transition temperature of  $85 \pm \text{°C}$  or higher, preferably  $90 \pm \text{°C}$  or higher is preferable for the purpose of preparing an attaching sheet having the small optical anisotropy. If the photoelastic coefficient of the resin is

greater than  $30 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{dyne}$ , then the optical anisotropy of the attaching sheet due to the residual strain and the local orientation of the prepared sheet becomes remarkable. In addition, if the glass transition temperature of the resin is lower than  $85^\circ\text{C}$ , then there arise problems that a practicability as transparent optical articles such as sunglasses, goggles and correcting lens is deteriorated, and the articles is likely to deform in higher order processing which requires heating such as hard-coating and reflection preventing processing.

On page 12, please replace the last paragraph on that page as follows:

[0042] Although the continuous sheet may take various forms, the case where {the polarizer sheet in a roll form and the attaching sheet in a roll form are attached to laminate to prepare the continuous sheet} is preferable in the present invention. Alternatively, the case where {the polarizer sheet in the cut state or others having the same function are attached at defined intervals in the course of spreading the attaching sheet in a roll form to prepare the continuous sheet as a whole} is also preferable. In this case, although the sheet has a continuous-sheet form as a whole, it is arranged so that a portion having a polarizing function is localized only on a portion to be thermal press-molded into the sheet-like curved body. This is a preferable method from a viewpoint of diminishing a loss of the functional portion.

On page 16, please replace the first full paragraph as follows:

[0053] One cycle of thermal press-molding comprises the following procedures, and it is conducted so as to synchronize with one cycle of the next step, insert injection-molding. That is, one cycle of thermal press-molding for attaining the present invention comprises {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet – securing the continuous sheet on the support by a ring clamp – fitting the heated anvil in the hole of the support and thermal press-molding – returning the anvil and the ring clamp to the original positions – feeding the continuous sheet}.

On page 18, please replace the first full paragraph as follows:

[0060] In a cycle of insert injection-molding in the present invention, one cycle is composed of {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet in which the sheet-like curved body has been formed

by thermal press-molding – inserting the sheet-like curved body in the front mold – securing the sheet-like curved body to the front mold by suction – clamping the movable mold – injection-molding the back resin – removing of an optical article – feeding the continuous sheet}.

On page 21, please replace the third full paragraph as follows:

[0072] Subsequently, the thermal press-molding was continuously ~~conducted~~ constructed at one cycle of {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet – securing the continuous sheet on the support by the ring clamp – fitting the anvil heated at  $140\pm^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the hole of the support and thermal press-molding – returning the anvil and the ring clamp to the original positions – feeding the continuous sheet} for one minute. Once cycle involved cooling of the continuous sheet with an air stream after thermal press-molding.

On page 22, please replace the first full paragraph as follows:

[0075] Subsequently, the aforementioned continuous sheet on which the sheet-like curved body had been molded was inserted into the insert injection compression-molding machine without cutting, and “Grilamid TR-90” as a back resin was insert injection compression-molded on the concave side of the sheet-like curved body. The insert injection compression-molding was conducted at one cycle of {stopping the feed of the continuous sheet on which the sheet-like curved body had been formed by thermal press-molding – inserting the sheet-like curved body into the front mold – securing the sheet-like curved body to the front mold by suction – clamping the movable mold – injection compressing-molding the back resin – removing the optical article – feeding the continuous sheet} for one minute, while the cycle of insert injection compression-molding was synchronized with the cycle of thermal press-molding. Moreover, one cycle involved a cutting step upon inserting the sheet-like curved body into the front mold.

On page 23, please replace the fourth full paragraph as follows:

[0081] Subsequently, the lens was automatically taken out from the receiving container, immersed in a coating tank filled with a silane-series hard coat liquid, and uniformly coated with

the hard coat liquid. Thereafter, the lens was automatically transferred to a thermal curing oven, and cured at  $110\pm^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 hours. The lens which had been thermally cured was automatically stocked in a receiving container.

Thereafter, the lens was automatically supplied to an apparatus for optically detecting an impurity, and the lens which had passed was automatically stocked in a receiving container.

On page 23, please replace the paragraph beginning with "According" as follows:

According to the same manner as that of Example 1 except that the anvil was heated at  $153\pm^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the continuous sheet was subjected to the thermal press-molding machine to mold a sheet-like curved body having a diameter of 80 mm and a curvature of 6C on the continuous sheet at 3 cm intervals.